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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 30, 1865.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. COLFAX, on leave, introduced the following bill :

**A BILL**

To constitute the harbor of Michigan City, Indiana, a port of entry, and to release the claim of the general government to the tonnage duties of said harbor to the Michigan City Harbor Company, to aid in its improvement.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the harbor of Michigan City, Indiana, is hereby con-  
4       stituted a port of entry.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the claim of  
2       the general government to the tonnage duties of said harbor  
3       is hereby relinquished, and transferred to the Michigan City  
4       Harbor Company for the period of one hundred years, to be  
5       applied by them, under such regulations as the Secretary of  
6       the Treasury may direct, to the improvement of said harbor  
7       and its preservation.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said

2 Harbor Company are hereby granted the privilege of build-  
3 ing upon the foundation of the old government piers now in  
4 such harbor.

1       SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall be  
2 in force from and after its passage.